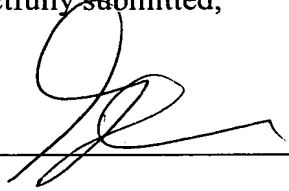


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to the specification, the cancellation of claims 1-9 and new claims 10-18 be entered prior to examination. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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